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To Organize Here The County Council Of Taxpayers' Ass'n

James Bush of Shelburne, president of the County Council of the Massachusetts Taxpayers' Association has opened an office for the council in the Burnham building at Greenfield and are at present considering the applications of several persons for its secretary.

Organizers are in the field and will soon visit Northfield to secure a number of members here. The official drive will be held the latter part of January.

The President's Ball; No Plans Made Here

Plans are being made again by the national committee for the celebration of the President's birthday, Keith Morgan, chairman, to hold birthday balls throughout the country, to aid in the establishment of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Proceeds this year will be on a basis of 50 per cent to the Foundation and 50 per cent to a local county council, which councils will be formed throughout the country, after the holding of the next affair.

Members of the previous committee which held and sponsored the balls in town hall in Northfield have again been urged to conduct another, but no meeting has been held and no decision made. For the past two years the county ball in the Greenfield armory has been supported.

There at present in the hands of the committee the sum of about \$45 to be used in any case of infantile paralysis arising here, and is at the disposal of the Selectmen for this purpose.

From personal expressions of the local committee, it is doubtful if a local ball will be held, but rather that co-operation will again be offered to a county affair in Greenfield.

Miss Anna C. Dale

After an illness of several weeks, Miss Anna Cecilia Dale, chief operator of the local telephone exchange, passed in death, Monday, Dec. 26, at her home on Warwick avenue. She was born January 6, 1901 in Northfield, the daughter of John and Mary (Rouse) Dale and was 37 years of age. She was educated in the public schools and a graduate of the high school, class of 1919. Immediately entering the employ of the telephone company, she had by faithful service, advanced to the position of chief operator and cashier.

Surviving are her parents, two sisters, Mary J. of this town, and Mrs. Harry F. Broughton of Westfield; four brothers, David P. of Greenfield, William E. of Mechanicville, N. Y., John T. of Brattleboro, and James R. of this town.

The funeral services were held in St. Patrick's Catholic church on Wednesday morning with the Rev. James I. Mitchell officiating and were attended by a large number of her friends and associates. The burial was in the family plot in St. Mary's cemetery.

Miss Dale was much respected and loved and in her work she proved herself most courteous to all. Her recent serious illness during which time she was in a hospital in Boston brought forth much sympathy from our people.

Miss Henrietta Webster

Word was received in Northfield on Wednesday of last week of the death of Miss Henrietta L. Webster, on the morning of the same day at Los Angeles, Calif., where she has resided for the past four years.

She was born in Northfield, the daughter of Henry W. and Amanda Webster, and had lived here for many years, later going to Springfield where she had two sisters, Mrs. Charles L. Briggs and Mrs. Harris E. Collins, who survive. Also surviving are seven nieces and nephews. She was a cousin of the late C. H. Webster of this town.

Her body was brought to Springfield where funeral services were held at the Dickinson-Street funeral parlor on Tuesday of this week, with Dr. Owen W. Eames officiating. Burial was in the family plot in Center cemetery here, with prayers by Rev. Mary Andrews Conner.

Mrs. Carrie G. Britton, who is spending the winter in Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dowd of Springfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Britton of this town, were entertained at a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stoddard of Greenfield.

A Preaching Mission Is Scheduled Here By Local Church

Definite plans are shaping up for the conduct of a Preaching and Teaching Mission to be held the last of January and the first of February at the Trinitarian Congregational church. As yet no details have been arranged nor any definite announcement of dates but we are assured that the preacher will be Dr. Harry A. Ironsides, minister of the famous D. L. Moody Memorial church in Chicago. An invitation has been extended to him to conduct the Mission and he will probably be



Dr. Harry A. Ironsides

assisted by a qualified leader of singing, an augmented church choir and the organist.

Arthur P. Fitt will be chairman of the local committee in charge and will also handle the publicity, much of which the "Press" hopes to announce to its readers. It is expected that further details will be available within a week or two, but meanwhile our church folks will do well to keep the matter in mind and lend their co-operation to the services.

Seminary Graduates To Be Married Soon

The engagement of Miss Patricia Graves of New York City to Jerome B. Fisher of Jamestown, N. Y., has just been announced, the wedding to take place early in the coming year. Miss Graves attended the Seminary and Miss Clarke's school at Orange, N. J. Mr. Fisher is a graduate of Hamilton college and the law school of Yale university.

The engagement of Miss Jeanne Beaumon Woodward of Colonia, N. J., to Leonard Alton Thomsen of Portland has also been announced. Miss Woodward is a graduate of the Seminary and of the Scudder school of New York. Mr. Thomsen is a graduate of the University of Maine. No date has been set for the wedding.

The Fortnightly To Hear Prof. Morse

The next scheduled meeting of the Fortnightly will be held Friday afternoon, Jan. 6 at three o'clock in Alexander hall, when Prof. H. H. Morse of Mt. Hermon school will speak on "Current Events." The tea hostesses will include Miss Maud Hamilton, Mrs. George N. Kidder, Mrs. C. H. Webster, and Mrs. William Barr.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian C. Cots of Northfield, announced the engagement of their niece, Miss Elizabeth G. Eastman, to Paul M. Mayberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Mayberry of Mount Hermon.

Mrs. Matie Plaistridge

Mrs. Matie Lamson Plaistridge died at her home on Main street, Saturday of last week after a long illness, at the age of 62 years. She was born in Crown Point, N. Y., and came to Northfield with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lamson, when quite young. She married Clifford Plaistridge and had one son, who died several years ago. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Fred Hale of this town, and one brother, Charles Lamson, with whom she made her home.

The funeral was held from Kidder's funeral parlors, Wednesday afternoon with Rev. W. W. Coe officiating and burial was in Center cemetery.

Mrs. Plaistridge was a woman of fine character and had many friends. She was devoted to her home, and was a friend, beloved by the neighborhood children. Her neighbors will miss her cheery kindness as well as her friends who extend their sympathy in this sudden bereavement.

SURE WINTER IS HERE



Having trouble to make the snow man stand, after all the effort of design and modeling. Some good models of snow men have been seen hereabouts recently.

BUYS NEW AMBULANCE FOR SERVICE HERE

Friendly Greetings From Guatemala

George N. Kidder, our undertaker of Parker street, has purchased a brand new ambulance, fully equipped for service of any kind. It has provisions for a cot, with patient, a nurse and a doctor, or can be used to carry two patients. It has all modern and up-to-date furnishings and equipment and is similar to one now being used in Greenfield.

It is specially built body of the LaSalle type of automobile and has an 8-cylinder motor, capable of varying speeds and has a rating of 125-horsepower, equal to any emergency.

While Mr. Kidder retains his old ambulance, already the demands exceeds for the use of the new one. Those who have seen the new car, describe it as a fine job. The ambulance is convertible and can be used for other purposes.

CHURCH SERVICES

TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday school will meet at 10 for the study of the Scriptures; prize gift Bibles are to be awarded to scholars with perfect attendance. At 11 o'clock the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; Anthems by the choir; "Standing at the Portal" and "Be Thou My Vision." Sunday School at the Farms at 2:30, followed by a worship service; at 2:30 service for all ages at the Barber District schoolhouse; at 7, regular meeting of the Senior Endeavor; at 8, preaching service at the vestry.

Tuesday at 3, the Mrs. L. R. Smith Bible class will meet with Mrs. Colton; Mrs. Giebel, leader. The Christian Endeavor cottage meeting on Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

Thursday the all-day meeting of the Ladies' Sewing society with lunch at noon. At 7:30 the weekly prayer service at the vestry, followed by choir rehearsal.

Saturday at 10 p. m. the Watch-night service will open at the Endeavor room.

SOUTH CHURCH

Sunday, 9:45, church school; this is Birthday Box Sunday; 10:45 church worship. The thought around which the service will revolve is: "Is This Good Will About Which We Have Been Singing and Talking, Really Practical for our Time?"

Mrs. Mary J. Porter

Mrs. Mary J. Porter, wife of Lee A. Porter, of Warwick Ave., was stricken suddenly, while at the breakfast table on Wednesday morning and passed away within a short time.

With her husband, she has been a resident of this town for the past eleven years, a member of the Trinitarian Congregational church and active in its Sewing society. Prayers were said at her home here on Thursday afternoon, and on Friday afternoon funeral services were conducted in the Federated church at Coventry, Vt. where Rev. W. Stanley Carne of this town officiated, and where burial was in the family plot in the cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Allison Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Porter accompanied Mrs. Porter to Coventry.

Mrs. Porter had made many friends during her residence here, she was devoted to her home, and was a friend, beloved by the neighborhood children. Her neighbors will miss her cheery kindness as well as her friends who extend their sympathy in this sudden bereavement.

Will Seek \$50,000 For Advertising Western Counties

A campaign to raise between \$30,000 and \$50,000 with which to tell the world of the attractions of this section of Massachusetts, will be launched by the Western Visitors Association, of which A. Gordon Moody of the Northfield hotel is president.

The campaign will cover the three counties of Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden, and the funds acquired will be used to attract visitors throughout the four seasons of the year to the hills and



John W. Haigis

valleys of this picturesque and historic area.

Hon. John W. Haigis of Greenfield will head up the campaign for funds and immediately begin a committee organization for the various counties.

An extensive program of publicity in newspapers, magazines, and through direct mail will be inaugurated as soon after the funds have been raised as is practical.

The Western Massachusetts Visitors' Association was organized about a year ago, and the determination to proceed at once with the advertising fund-raising campaign was reached about a month ago at the time of the annual dinner, held in Northampton. From that point onward, progress has been rapid, and it is planned to complete the financing phase of the publicity program prior to Feb. 1.

PUBLIC FORUM

To the Editor,

I noticed your item about our having passed the winter solstice and the days now getting longer.

When I was in college (Dublin University) one of the favorite problems in Astronomy was to prove by mathematical calculations, being given the actual positions in the heavens of the sun, moon and earth, that as a matter of fact the mornings do not become lighter until Jan. 8.

I wonder if our present-day astronomers and mathematicians have changed that conclusion? We can all test the truth of it ourselves day by day.

A. P. Fitt

Editor of the Press,

I wish to correct a statement in your paper a few weeks ago in regard to the amount of money spent on tree and stump removal, and the number of trees and stumps removed. The amount spent by the state was \$28,700 and the total number of stumps removed was 404. The price paid included the filling of holes and grass seeding.

Roderic H. Parker,
Supervisor

Latchis Mid-Nite Show

The outstanding musical treat of the movie season is booked for the gala mid-nite show at the Latchis Memorial theatre, Brattleboro, where it will continue thru Wednesday of next week, with the fifth co-starring appearance of Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy in "Sweethearts" filmization of the noted Victor Herbert operetta and marking the first appearance of the popular singing team in a technicolor production.

"Sweethearts" boasts a supporting cast of such distinguished stage and screen headliners as Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger, Florence Rice, Mischa Auer, Herman Bing, Reginald Gardiner, Fay Holden, Bertie Churchill and Ally Joslyn.

AT LONG LAST



Town Meeting Soon; Caucus In January; Warrant Preparing

The town will hold its annual town meeting on Monday, Feb. 6, when again a long list of articles will probably be incorporated in the warrant for the consideration of the taxpayers.

However, before that time the caucus must be held for the nomination of officials for the various offices. Little has been heard on the streets regarding prospective candidates but there is an evident intention voiced that the expenditures must be kept within reasonable bounds.

From present indications, it would seem that the school problem, especially that of the high school, will be thoroughly discussed but some definite action must be taken to alleviate the present situation there.

Well, anyway, Feb. 6 is a fixture and the town hall will witness a capacity audience.

Schools Bequeathed \$15,000 By Friend

By the will of the late Miss Annie Miller of New York City, the Northfield Schools will receive the sum of \$15,000 to be known as the "Alexander Miller Scholarship" to provide funds for deserving students of Mount Hermon school. The estate has just been appraised at \$384,710 gross value. Miss Miller died Jan. 3, 1938 at her home, 1 West 72nd St. She was the daughter of the late Alexander and Anna Miller of that city. She disposed of \$215,000 to nine charities.

Northfield Breeder Officer In Association

The Hampshire-Franklin Holstein Friesian Breeders' Association held its annual meeting in Greenfield Thursday of this week and Fred D. Dolc of Shelburne was chosen as its president. Horace Bolton of the Ferndale Farm in West Northfield was elected as vice-president.

There were about thirty members present who enjoyed a fine dinner and afterward heard addresses by Prof. F. H. Branch of the State college, J. G. Watson of Springfield, editor of the New England Homestead.

Information Please

On Winter Sports

A very informative booklet has just been issued on the winter sports facilities in Massachusetts by the State Development and Industrial commission and has largely to do with the publicity of the ski trails throughout the state. There is included a map on which East Northfield is noted and a paragraph on page 18 of the booklet lists our skiing advantages, in four approved trails. Skiing enthusiasts will find the brochure of much interest and its distribution will probably bring more skiing enthusiasts to our community and to the hotel.

May Get Full Time

The radio broadcasting station WHAI of Greenfield which operates on a limited time basis now, has been approved for a full-time basis, it is reported from Washington. This will be good news to those who listen in on Greenfield and of advantage to the broadcasting station.

Gave Fine Concert

The choir of the Congregational church gave a Christmas concert last Sunday evening which consisted largely of hymns, carols of the Christmas time. A large audience was present. Prof. I. J. Lawrence was the director. A cheery program was distributed which also served as the calendar of the church. Herbert L. Ripley assisted in the program with a trumpet solo.

Distribute Almanac

There is being sent to all subscribers of the telephone service, a copy of the Telephone almanac for 1939 with the compliments of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., of which the New England Co. is a constituent member. The almanac contains many important facts relative to the history of the telephone, also statements concerning historical matters. It is an almanac worth having and keeping about the house for ready reference.

Miss Barbara Mankowsky of the Mercy hospital, Springfield, spent Sunday and Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mankowsky on Northfield Mountain road.

The Youth Hostel Marks Its Birthday By Invading Host

Clad in gay and colorful costumes, hostlers are gathering at the local hostel to make merry during the holiday season, with winter sports in the open and entertainment in the evenings.

The gathering marks the fourth anniversary of the Youth Hostel movement, begun by Monroe and Isabel Smith in the Chateau on the Northfield hotel grounds.

About one hundred young people are here in festive mood and the big celebration will be New Year's eve and night. Julius Wahl and his wife, the house parents of the local hostel, will be kept very busy but will do everything possible to see that the event is remembered.

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Lean, Fresh or Smoked Shoulders, Choice	lb. 15c	
Van Camp's Milk 1-can	6c	
B & M Golden Bantam Corn	3 No. 2 cans 25c	
Del Monte Sliced PEACHES	tall can 10c	
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SOUTH VERNON (West Northfield)

Northfield Press TESTED RECIPES

By Frances Lee Burton

THE reputation for having the biggest shade trees, and the most hospitable mother will bring your children's little playmates flocking into your backyard to play. With a well filled cookie tin and a glass jar of quick chocolate syrup in the ice box your role as hostess will be an easy one to sustain—and it won't be burdensome. Here's the recipe for:

Chocolate Syrup

(Base for chocolate drinks)
5 squares unsweetened chocolate; 1 cup sugar; $\frac{1}{4}$ cup hot water; 2 egg yolks slightly beaten.

Melt chocolate over hot water; cool to lukewarm. Add sugar to water, stirring until sugar is dissolved; cool to lukewarm. Add syrup to egg yolks, about one-fourth at a time, beating well after each addition; add chocolate in the same way. Then continue beating mixture 1 minute, or until slightly thickened. Turn into jar, cover tightly, and place in refrigerator. Syrup can be kept for several days. Use 2 tablespoons chocolate syrup for 1 cup milk. Makes 2 cups syrup.

And here are two summertime "refreshers" you can make with it:

Frosted Chocolate

1 cup chilled milk, 2 tablespoons Chocolate Syrup; Chocolate Ice Cream.

Add milk slowly to syrup, stirring constantly. Add ice cream, and beat or shake until ice cream and chocolate mixture are blended. Pour into tall glass and serve at once. Serves 1.

Chocolate Soda

6 tablespoons Chocolate Syrup; $\frac{1}{4}$ cup carbonated water; 1 tablespoon whipped cream.

Combine syrup and carbonated water. Shake well with cracked ice. Pour into glass and top with whipped cream. Serves 1.

HOUSEWIVES who are expert budget balancers know full well that fish is a great aid in that department of home management. But many families are blessed with members who, at the sight of fish, dig in their heels and stage a rebellion. Nine times out of ten it isn't fish they dislike, but the way it's served. I think I can safely say that smiles will adorn the faces of the anti-fish members of the family when they taste the savory goodness of this baked fish. But be careful what you serve with it—don't serve the stronger flavored vegetables.

Baked Fish

2 egg yolks; 3 cups milk; 4 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca; 2 teaspoons salt; $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper; 2 cups flaked cooked fish; $\frac{1}{4}$ cup finely cut celery; 1 tablespoon chopped parsley; 1 teaspoon scraped onion; 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten; $\frac{1}{2}$ cup bread crumbs, buttered.

Mix egg yolks with small amount of milk in top of double boiler. Add remaining milk, tapioca, salt, pepper, fish, celery, parsley, and onion. Place over rapidly boiling water and heat until scalped (allow 5 to 7 minutes after water resumes boiling); then cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Beat egg whites until just stiff enough to hold shape. Fold small amount tapioca mixture into egg whites; add to remaining tapioca. Turn into greased baking dish and cover with crumbs. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 30 minutes, or until brown. Serve hot. Serves 6.

WHEN the gold of peaches and the rich purple and red of grapes fill the market with color then we know that fall is here—and the last call for jam and jelly making.

Even if you've made jam and jelly all through the summer, not missing a single fruit or berry, don't miss making grape jelly. For the delightful tartness of grape jelly will add the final touch of flavor contrast to so many winter meals. Grape jelly with cold meat, as a filling for a cake, beaten into puddings—while grape jelly will lift the homely, every day rice or milk pudding to quite dizzy heights! Make grape jelly the easy modern way—by the short boil method and bottled fruit pectin.

Grape Jelly

4 cups (2 lbs.) juice, $\frac{7}{8}$ cups (3 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.) sugar; $\frac{1}{4}$ bottle fruit pectin.

To prepare juice, stem about 2 pounds fully ripe grapes and crush thoroughly. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water, bring to a boil, cover, and simmer 10 minutes. Place fruit in jelly cloth or bag and squeeze out juice. (Concord grapes give best color and flavor. If Malaga or other tight-skinned grapes are used, use $\frac{3}{4}$ cups grape juice, and add strained juice of 2 medium lemons.)

Measure sugar and juice into large saucepan and mix. Bring to a boil over hottest fire and at once add fruit pectin, stirring constantly. Then bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard 1/2 minute. Remove from fire, skim, pour quickly. Parboil hot jelly at once. Makes about 11 glasses (8 fluid ounces each).

A dashing young fellow named Tim

Drove his car with a great deal of vim.

Said he: "I'm renowned For covering the ground." But, alas, now the ground covers him.

Robert Rogers is recovering from an operation for appendicitis performed at the Farren hospital.

The annual meeting of the South Vernon Advent Christian church will be held Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday services will be held at the South Vernon church with morning worship at 10:45; Sunday school at 12:15 p.m. The annual business meeting of the Sunday school will be held at this time with Young peoples meeting at 6. The evening worship will be at 7, and mid-week prayer meeting at the Vernon Home Thursday at 7.

The annual Christmas exercises were held at the South Vernon church Saturday evening. The program consisted of Christmas songs by the choir; a duet by Gertrude Murray and Alma Dunklee; a solo and a reading by Alfred Dunklee; an accordion solo by Courtland Dunklee; a play, "The Christmas Pudding" by the South school children; a selection by the South school orchestra; and recitations by John Skib, Jimmie Allen, Marguerite Barnes, Marion Allen, Elsie Wing, Shirley Gould and Dorothy Allen; reading by Phyllis Ingraham and a song by the primary and beginners' classes. Gifts were distributed from the tree at the close of the program.

Rev. and Mrs. George A. Gray and daughter, Nina, left Monday morning for Auburn, Me., to spend the week with Rev. and Mrs. B. D. Tibbets. Mrs. Gray will remain for several weeks.

Christmas exercises were held Friday evening at the South school with the following program: Songs, recitations, three plays, and union by the school orchestra which is composed of Allie and Peter Skib and Harry Zalluzny, Jr., violins, and Walter Zalluzny and Mrs. Ruth Holton, accordions. Santa Claus arrived at the close of the exercises to unload the tree and distribute gifts.

Four generations were present on Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Holton, who entertained their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mark and son, Curtis of Saxton River, Vt., and Mrs. Holton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene LaBelle and her cousin, Alfred LaBelle of Northfield, also Miss Bernice Weatherhead of the Northfield hotel and Eugene Brooks of South Vernon.

The South school P.T.A. will meet at the home of Warren B. Dunklee Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Holton spent Christmas with her mother, at Brattleboro.

Mrs. Addie LaPlante is spending the holidays with her son, Clayton in Hartford, Ct.

Mrs. C. I. Holton spent Christmas at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Bassett.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Holton recently entertained his brother, Philip and family of Hinsdale, N.H., in honor of Mrs. Philip Holton's birthday.

Carl Meissner, who is employed by the Fuller Brush Co. in Springfield, spent the week-end with his family.

Miss Olivia Edson of New York City, was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Edson, over the week-end.

Miss Olivia Edson of New York City and her mother, Mrs. E. P. Edson, were returning from Brattleboro Saturday evening when a deer jumped in front of their car just below the Dwight Johnson farm. On getting out of their car, they found the deer crippled, and their fender crumpled. They notified the game warden who took the deer.

Alfred Edson was injured while skating with a party of young people at the Lily pond Sunday afternoon. He suffered a slight concussion and received a cut between his eye and his temple which required one stitch to close. He was treated at the office of Dr. A. H. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Farnert entertained the several members of their family at Christmas.

Walter Bruce joined a group from Brattleboro High School attending a meeting of the "Future Farmers" in Boston.

Miss Eleanor Bruce is the director of programs for the C. E. society of the First Baptist church, Brattleboro.

Elwyn Miller recently resigned as Master-elect of Vernon Grange as he will be away from town. Ernest Dunklee was chosen for the vacancy and was installed with the other officers. Mr. Dunklee is also Master-elect of Windham county Pomona Grange which holds its installation at West Dummerston New Year's eve.

At a farm one of the summer boarders asked, "Why is it that old hog keeps trying to come into my room? Do you think he has taken a fancy to me?" And the farmer's little son explained, "Why that's his room in winter."

Teacher: Do you believe in evolution?

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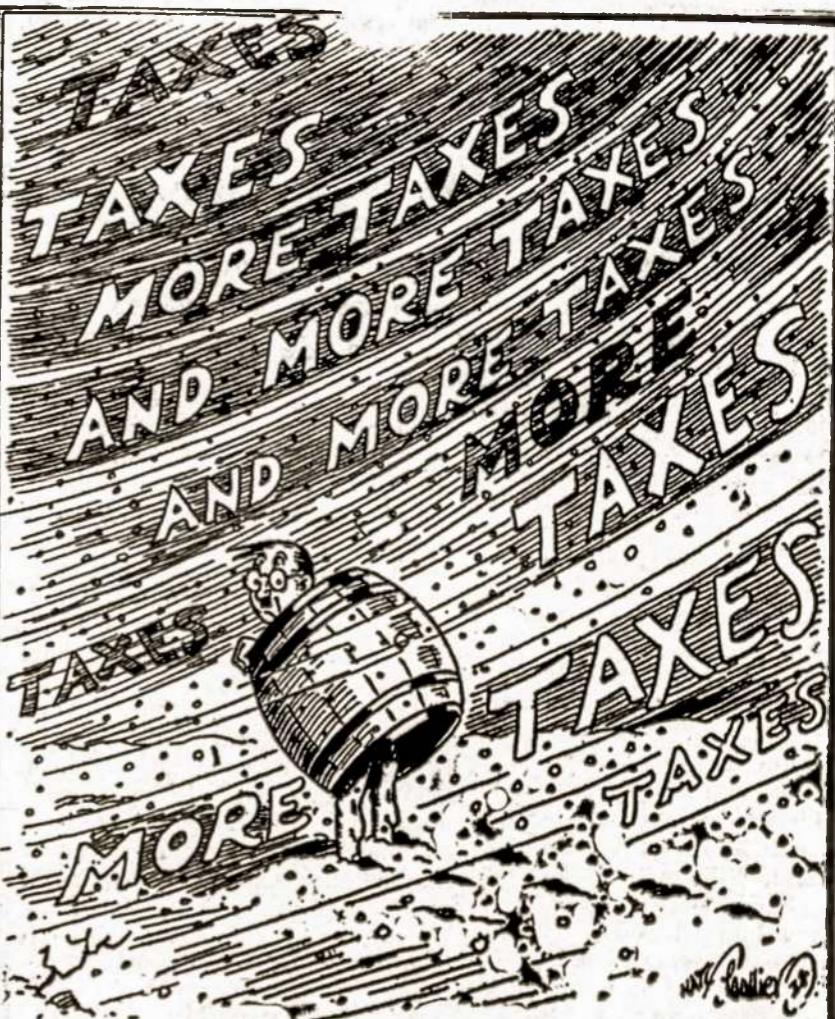
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TOWN TOPICS

Miss Alice Kervian of the Mercy hospital, Springfield, spent the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kervian, of Northfield Farms.

Mrs. H. A. Reed had a family gathering at her home at the Christmas time which all enjoyed.

Reports from friends who have visited Dr. Holton at the Brattleboro hospital say that he is resting comfortably and feels much encouraged with his improving condition.

Charles Leach, Jr., of Boston Art school is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leach at Sunset Farm.

Rev. W. A. Dwight of Turners Falls will speak to the children beside his adult class, Sunday at 3 p.m. in No. 4 schoolhouse.

Miss Elizabeth Miller, student nurse in the Brattleboro Memorial hospital, is spending a vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. D. Ward of Lebanon, N. H., spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Ward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mattoon.

Dunning G. Simmons of Elizabeth, N. J., spent the Christmas recess at his home on Maple street with his family.

Miss Martha Stevens of Boston and Miss Thelma Stevens of Arlington, were guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Stevens.

Harry Gingras spent the holiday week-end in Ashland, N. H.

George Sheldon of Birnam Rd., has been confined to the house for a week with the grippe.

Mrs. E. M. Morgan, president of the County WCTU informs us that local unions will assist with refreshments at Watchnight services.

So many homes were decorated during the Christmas season that it becomes a difficult matter to enumerate them all. Some presented a most beautiful appearance with their wreaths and trees and lights of various colors.

Dr. Aaron Newton of the City hospital in Boston, was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chauncey Newton for Christmas.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward Morgan of Hartford, Ct., was in town on Christmas day to attend a family gathering at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Morgan.

Miss Bernice Webster of New York City spent the Christmas tide with her mother and sister at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Moody, after visiting in Princeton, N. J., their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Loos, left this week for Florida, where they will spend the winter at Daytona Beach.

The price of range oil is now eight and one-half cents a gallon in this territory, the price having been lowered some weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Randolph, Jr., and children of Westfield, N. J., spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Tomkins of Winchester Rd.

Robert DeVeir is spending the week with relatives in New York.

The next meeting of the Brotherhood of the Congregational church will be Tuesday, Jan. 17 when the speaker will be William G. Avirett of the Deerfield Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Darby of Uncasville, Ct., spent the Christmas holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holton.

Rev. Lester A. White of Mount Hermon school was the preacher at the services of the Second Congregational church in Greenfield last Sunday, taking the place of the pastor, Rev. A. P. Pratt, who is ill.

Chandler Holton is spending the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Holton of Highland avenue. He is teaching in Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Polly Parker, gave a pleasant surprise to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker, by returning to her home here for the Christmas holidays from her work at a Sanatorium in Michigan.

According to an inventory filed in Probate court last week, the late Henry W. Rankin left an estate of \$1427.58 in personal and no real estate.

Miss Ruth Dorothy Frary and Arthur Watt, both of Greenfield, were married Christmas eve at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Edward L. Shay of the Bernardston road by Rev. A. P. Pratt. Miss Frary, a former student of Northfield Seminary is graduate nurse of the Community hospital in Keene, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Starkey of Northfield Farms spent the Christmas holidays in Springfield with their son, Stillman, and his wife.

Calvin Field is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Field to spend the Christmas vacation. He attends Purdue.

Prof. and Mrs. H. H. Morse entertained Mr. and Mrs. Merton Keith of Worcester over Christmas. Mr. Keith is a brother of Mrs. Morse.

The fire department was called to the home of Clarence Stratton of the Farms for a chimney fire last Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Evans entertained with a family party on Christmas day at their home on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos P. Field left last Saturday to spend the winter in Florida. They will be located at Orlando.

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Kidder and Mrs. Bessie George spent Christmas with friends in Keene, N. H.

Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Ingalls spent the Christmas holiday in New York and visited friends in Jersey.

Our own Prof. Spurgeon Gage has become a real successful orange grower and information reaches us that in the ten days just prior to the Christmas holiday, he had shipped one hundred baskets to the northward. In all he has shipped two hundred bushels from his grove. And what's more, it was all fine fruit.

Miss Marilyn Doolittle of Boston is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oler Doolittle.

The condition of Sheriff F. W. Doane, who fell last week and broke his hip, is reported as improving at the Franklin county hospital.

Our friends in the southland are missing a lot of real cold, stormy weather these days which we are enjoying (?) here.

Mrs. Arthur Pacard of Rye, N. Y., is spending a few days in town with her two sons, who are enjoying the winter sports. They are staying at their cabin on the Warwick road.

Miss Daisy Holton will act as the secretary of the approaching Preaching and Teaching Mission in the Congregational church.

News comes of the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Smith in Orlando, Fla., with a change of address to the Marion, 406 South Main street.

Miss Ann Foster of Hartford Seminary and Miss Lucille Foster of Wesson Memorial hospital in Springfield, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Foster of Highland avenue.

Miss Priscilla Porter, commercial instructor in Manchester, Vt., spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Philip Porter.

Miss Mildred Coe of New York City has been with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Coe.

The watch night service New Year's eve will begin at 10 in the young people's room of the Congregational church.

Mrs. Anna B. Freeman was greeted by visit from her sons at Christmas time.

Mrs. Nellie Haley of Warwick avenue is slowly improving from a serious illness at her home. Her daughter is caring for her.

Miss Florence Irish of Brattleboro spent Christmas at her home here.

Miss Edith Goodspeed of New Haven was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed at Christmas.

Several needy families were gladdened by the receipt of Christmas baskets at the holiday through the kindness of the local Salvation Army committee.

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List Of New Books At Dickinson Library

A list of the new books received at Dickinson library during November and December is herewith given:

Fiction

Honor Bright, Keyes; Parts Unknown, Keyes; Grandma Called It Carnal, Damon; The Joyful Delaney's, Walpole; The Glass Slipper, Eberhart; Growth of a Man, De la Roche; A. Hall & Co., Lincoln; Christmas Days, Lincoln; New England Born, Bassett; My Son, My Son, Spring; Carrie Eaton, Corbett; High of Heart, Loring; Here I Stay, Coatsworth; Rebecca, de Maurier; Homing, Hill; Maria, Hill; Smouldering Fires, Stevenson; The Baker's Daughter, Stevenson; Years of Grace, Barnes; Wisdom's Gate, Barnes; Despondency's Daughter, Parrish; All This and Heaven Too, Field; Thrice A Stranger, Britain; The Nine Tailors, Sayers; The Radiant Tree, Baily; Friday's Child, Hauck; The General's Lady, Forbes; Beauty, Baldwin.

General Literature

Horse and Buggy Doctor, Hertzler; With Malice Toward Some, Halsey; Listen! the Wind, Lindberg; Best Plays of 1937-38, Mantle; Crippled Splendor, Evans; Alone, Byrd; Suwanee River, Matschell; A Home in the Country, Van de Water; We're Still in the Country, Van de Water; The Coming Struggle for Latin America, Beals; Benjamin Franklin, Van Dorn; Zaca Venture Beebe, Beebe; Through Bible Lands, Morton; Political Guide, Thompson; Fannie Kemble, Armstrong; Sailor on Horseback, Stone; Mill Brook, Lutes; My Double Life, Sullivan.

Juveniles

Heidi Grows Up; The Story of Ferdinand; Giant Baby Panda; Barkis; A Friend in the Dark; Perri, a Squirrel; Around the World; The Runaway Ducks; Helen's Gift House.

Sunday School Activities

Teachers and officers of the Trinitarian Sunday school met at Crane cottage Tuesday evening to make plans for an attendance contest and study the coming lessons with Arthur Percy Fitt. A Bible will be given all pupils with perfect attendance from Jan. 1 to July 1.

The Sunday school begins a three months' course on the Life and Work of Peter.

Northfield Grange

The Grange hall was filled to capacity Thursday evening of last week when "The Comical Country Cousins" was presented by fifteen ladies of the Grange. The antics of the cousins and their old-fashioned costumes kept the audience in laughter, especially the part played by the two country cousins who wore masks which made them appear to have two faces each. These apparently identical twins proved to be Gladys and Blanche Edson.

Before the play the following program was presented: A group of European folk dances by Margaret Dean, Winifred Drake and Helen Conley of the Youth Hostel staff accompanied by Julius Wahl playing on his zither; a piano duet by Esther and Florence Hale, two whistling solos by Mrs. Jennie Warnock, accompanied by Mrs. Florence Tenney on the piano; song and dance by Fay Warnock; vibraphone solo by Mrs. Bessie Dunklee of South Vernon; and accordion solos by William Urigewicz. Lewis Shine and Ernest Durant operated a pop corn machine and sold corn, while Mrs. Shine and Mrs. Durant had charge of the candy table. The entertainment netted the Grange nearly \$35. The director, Mrs. Ruth Holton deserves much credit for her production.

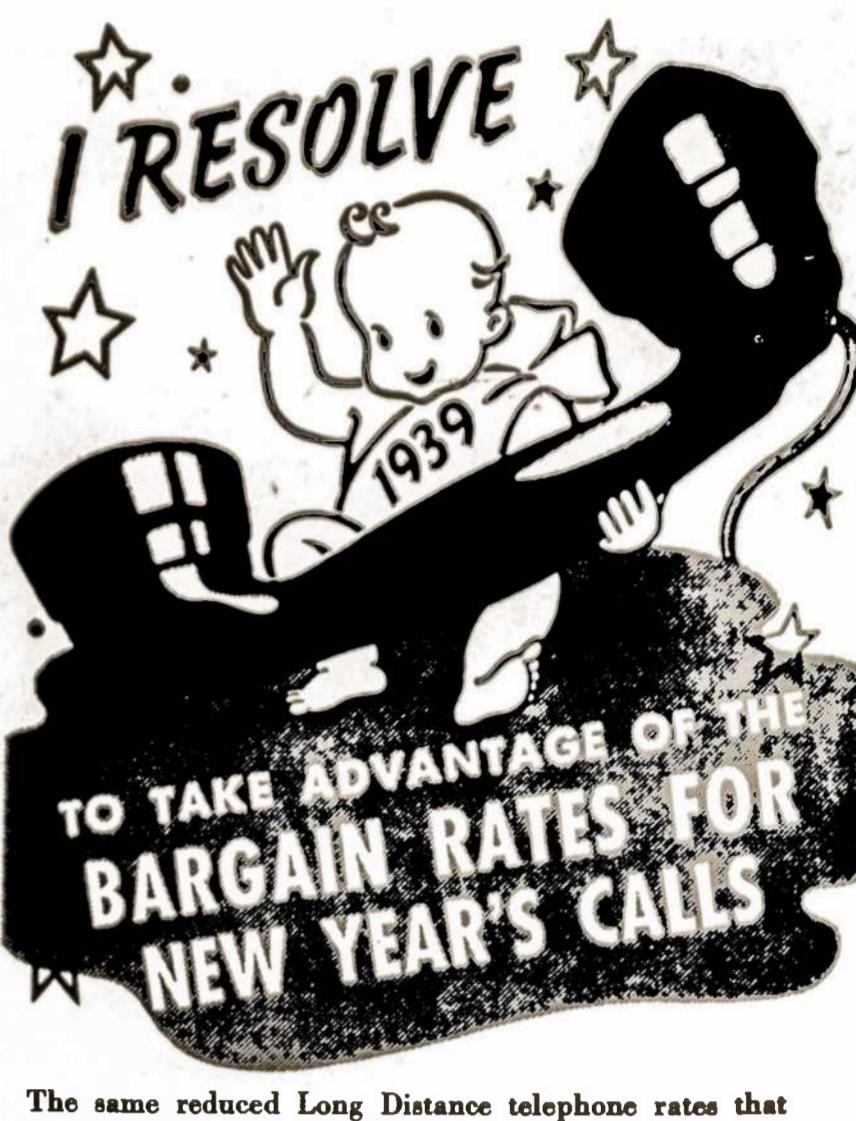
A Christmas program was given at the regular meeting on Tuesday evening. There were several readings and also Christmas carols and other songs on Raymond Miller's electrical phonograph and amplifier. The Lecturer, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson gave report of her trip to the Mass. State Grange session and Lecturer's conference at Boston. The Lecturer and the lady assistant steward, Mrs. Ruth Holton, served refreshments.

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The same reduced Long Distance telephone rates that apply every night and all day every Sunday will begin at 7 P. M. Saturday, December 31 (New Year's Eve) — and continue all day Sunday and Monday until 4:30 A. M. Tuesday within the United States and to Canada. These low rates save you as much as 40% of regular daytime rates.

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At one time, if a program had to keep 5,000 people waiting for tickets, loud were the hurrahs and great was the elation over this indication of the show's popularity. But as soon as the audience was able to join in the fun, more people wanted to be part of the program.

The Kay Kyser broadcast, according to the agency for the sponsor, reports that they are currently 90,000 ticket requests behind, although the Times Square studio whence this program emanates accommodates 800 people. No one in radio circles denies these figures in anything but hushed tones of amazement.

CHATTER. The sponsor who recently switched to the Orson Welles show may return to Hollywood Hotel . . . Sam Shayon's Twenty Years Ago and Today broadcast brings to light some amazing similarities . . . WHN is now on the air with dance music until 4 a. m. with a Night Owl Patrol for a fur sponsor . . . Ray Saunders handles

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Friday, December 30, 1938

EDITORIAL

New suggestions are being made throughout the country to make town reports more educational and interesting to the voters, the folks who have to pay the bills. And there is an ever-increasing demand to understand by the people who are becoming tax-conscious. Dr. C. J. Rohr and Dr. P. L. Gamble of the State college, economists, are studying the plan of using descriptive charts and to apply the principle of dynamic reporting. Instead of the usual lengthy reports of officials which are seldom taken seriously, the chart for that particular department or work, would show at a glance the money spent and work accomplished. Some towns and cities in New England are already using the new idea. It may be worth considering for our town.

At the annual town meeting last February, a committee of five was authorized to canvass the situation relative to Alexander hall. It was expected that the "will" would be studied, a determination made of the creation and use of the hall under its provisions, and a solving of the problem made if any such exists. The voters will look forward to this report when presented, and they are entitled to know about the matter.

The inequalities of opportunity in business life has never come to the fore as much as recently, when "the children of the White House," one by one have come into coveted positions. Influences seemingly capitalized has brought some criticism but at the same time, the young people of any executive should not be condemned for the taking of any advantage, so long as all is fair, just and honorable. It is human in all of us to capitalize upon our ability. The only possible thought that comes to most of us, is that the White House should not be commercialized and that the activities of those who have the advantage of its connections, should be, even as Caesar's wife, above suspicion.

The Back Yard Gardener

It's a funny old world, if you know what I mean
When at each Christmas time, our faces all beam.

Our hearts, they do sing,
As the carol bell ring
And the sunbeams dance over the snow.

It's a funny old world, if you know what I mean
We bowl right along with plenty of steam.

We buy presents for dad, for Dolly and Jack
Though our banker tells us that money we lack

And we haven't paid last month's rent.

It's a funny old world that every Christmas we greet
We send a bright card to the man down the street

Though the rest of the year he is mud on our feet.

To relatives funny we send cookies and honey
And give donations so poor folks can eat.

Yes, it's a funny old world if you know what I mean
'Cause the rest of the year we never use cream

We snicker and titter and tell crazy yarns
That do nobody good but plenty of harm

And the rest of the world can go hang.

It's a funny old world, yes, and it's funnier still
To hear a guy like me talk of joy and good-will

When Mary needs shoes and the doc sends his bill.

It's a funny old world, but it's not as bad as it seems

If you would raise flowers and even some beans.

Your faces would smile, your hearts they would sing.

It would be Christmas summer, winter, or spring.

You could give tomatoes, though money you lack;

In fact, you might even get some of them back.

Some paupers and violets and garbanzos too

Would give plenty of cheer to them and to you.

I'm sure it would make you forget '38

**THE POCKETBOOK
OF KNOWLEDGE** BY TOPPS



**ROADS ARE SAFER
CARS ARE SAFER
IS YOUR DRIVING SAFER?**

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

The hurricane, floods, and dictators who grate.

It would make you forget the aches and the pains
And the little headstone at the end of the lane.

So let's make a wish for old '39
That flowers we'll give to your friends and mine.

Remember that roses will bring back to you

A heart that is happy and skies that are blue.

G. C. O.—J. W. B.

Know Massachusetts

Compiled by
State Planning Board

Do you know that 41 steamship lines give foreign service out of the port of Boston and 20 lines give domestic or coastwise service . . . Massachusetts is third most densely populated state in the Union . . . The preponderance of females over males in Massachusetts is greater than in any other state, 95.1 males per 100 females . . . The world's largest watch factory is located in Waltham . . . 70 per cent of Wellesley college students come from outside New England . . . The stone and granite used in Bunker Hill Monument came from Quincy . . . 32 foreign countries have been represented in the student body of Boston university in a single year . . . Beverly has the largest shoe machine plant in the world . . . Boston had the first subway system in the United States . . . The Boston Museum of Fine Arts ranks first in the country for its collection of Chinese, Japanese and East Indian exhibits and print collection, and, in point of quality, for its Egyptian and classical collections . . . Boston is the leading wool market in America, and second in the world . . . The first training school for nurses in the United States was established in Roxbury at the New England hospital for women and children in 1847 . . . The first all-welded steel railroad bridge in the United

States, and probably in the world, was built by Palmer Steel Co. of Chicopee, to carry a railroad siding into the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company's plant at Chicopee Falls.

Save The Tree After
The Christmas Season

Don't dump your Christmas trees in the ash barrel when the holidays are over. Save it and put it to work on the home grounds, advises Arnold M. Davis, horticulturist at Mass. State college.

Fir trees make excellent feeding stations for birds and offer them cozy shelters on frosty winter nights. The tree can be fastened upright in the lee of a building, and suet tied to the branches.

If the tree is in sight of the house, the young children will delight in watching the birds as they pull at the suet.

The Christmas tree can also be used as a decoration at the front entrance of the house and will lend a note of dignity through the winter months. When the snow is piled high, the tree will look as though it were growing by the doorway, and it may give you ideas for landscaping next spring.

The tree can be placed so as to protect a climbing rose, or its branches can be ripped off and laid as a mulch over low-growing plants or bulbs. Gardeners in need of additional mulch may be able to buy left-over trees from dealers at very low prices.

Bee-keepers, too, will find the Christmas tree handy. Place on the windward side of the hives, it keeps the bees warmer and adds to the appearance of the apiary.

Minister's Son: Father, my teacher says that "collect" and "congratulate" mean the same thing. Do they?

Minister: Perhaps, my son; perhaps they do. But there is a vast difference between a "congregation" and a "collection."

LATCHIS MEMORIAL BRATTLEBORO AUDITORIUM

Fri. - Sat. Dec. 30-31
Fredric March - Virginia Bruce
"THERE GOES MY HEART"
Patsy Kelly - Alan Mowbray
Also Latest Movietone News

SUNDAY NIGHT
GALA MIDNIGHT SHOW!
at 12 Midnight - All Seats 40c
and Mon.-Tues.-Wed. Jan 2-3-4
Jeanette MacDonald
Nelson Eddy in
"SWEETHEARTS"
News - Technicolor Specialty

Thur.-Fri.-Sat. Jan. 5-6-7
"THE YOUNG IN HEART"
Janet Gaynor - Roland Young
Douglas Fairbanks Jr.
Latest News Events

Wed. - Thur. Jan. 4 - 5
"10th AVENUE KID"
Bruce Cabot - Beverly Roberts
Selected Shorts

At The Victoria
Friday and Saturday, Dec. 30-31:
On the screen, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" with W. C. Fields and Pauline Lord; co-feature, the Dionne darlings in "Quintupland". Sunday through Tuesday, Jan. 1-3: Fred MacMurray and Jack Oakie in "Texas Rangers" also "Penrod's Double Trouble" with the Mauch twins.

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Jack Benny - Joan Bennett in

"ARTISTS AND MODELS ABROAD"
also News - Comedy

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Bing Crosby in

"PARIS HONEYMOON"

Shirley Ross - Akim Tamiroff
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Young Alex (watching painter)
How many coats of paint do you give a door?

Painter: Two, my boy.

Young Alex (brightly): Then, if you give it three coats it would be an overcoat.

Painter: Yes, my lad, and a waste coat.

Stout Lady: Doctor, what will I do to reduce?

Doctor: Take a proper kind of exercise.

Stout Lady: What kind of exercise would you recommend?

Doctor: Push yourself away from the table three times a day.

GOOD PASSING IN FOOTBALL
BRINGS VICTORY FASTER

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MEANS INSTANT DISASTER!

National Safety Council

Mrs. Jones: What do you find best for cleaning windows?

Mrs. Smith: I have tried lots of things, but I find my husband best.

Nit: To make a girl laugh at your jokes is really quite simple.

Wit: Yes? How?

Nit: Pick out one with pretty teeth or one who has dimples.

Fish Dealer: Lobsters, lady?

Fine lobsters. See, they're all alive.

Bride: Yes, of course. But are they fresh?

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GLASS—NOW CHEAPLY
MANUFACTURED FOR UNIVERSAL
USE, WAS FIRST MADE IN
1607. THE FIRST PRODUCT
USED FOR TRADE WITH
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UPSIDE DOWN PEARS GROW IN
AUSTRALIA—THE STEM
GROWS ON THE LARGE END.

FOR EVERY \$100 OF CHEMICAL
PRODUCTS SOLD, \$10 GOES
TO RESEARCH AND THE CONSUMERS
IMPROVED PRODUCTS AT LOWER
PRICES.

CHEESE HAS THE ONLY
COIN IN THE WORLD PICTURING
AN AUTO. IT WAS STRUCK
TO HONOR THE PURCHASE
OF A SPANISH SEDAN
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IF YOU DRIVE YOUR AUTO 50 MILES
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